

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 25, line 30, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Overlapping peptides (20mers) encompassing the entire B19 parvovirus VP2 protein (with a 10 amino acid overlap) were synthesized. These peptides were grouped into eight different pools (pools 1-7 containing 7 peptides and pool 8 containing 6 peptides) and each pool of peptides was tested for the ability to inhibit hematopoiesis and hematopoietic cell growth in colony formation assays. (See **Figures 8A-H**). In these experiments, the cells were incubated with various dilutions of the peptides prior to the 11-day colony formation assay. Each pool of peptides showed some degree of inhibition of colony formation and the peptides of pool ~~VI-6~~ showed significant inhibition. (See **Figure 8F**). The sequences of the peptides of each pool are provided in **Table 6**.